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1. [redacted] at the airfield in Kumaritsa (N 42-48, E 23-20), [redacted] the construction of the airfield was classified "top secret". Construction began in 1952 and was to be completed by May 1954. Members of the Labor Troops Brigade (Trudova Brigada) were used to lay the concrete runways which were still under construction in 1953. This airfield was located within a two to three kilometer radius of Kumaritsa.

2. In February or March 1954, [redacted]

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the airfield at Kumaritsa had been completed with the exception of the hangar doors which, at that time, were still in the planning stage at PRONO. [redacted] began work on the plans for the hangar doors at PRONO in March or April 1954 and [redacted] they were being made for the new airfield at Kumaritsa. The doors were a sliding-panel type, electrically-operated, and had an emergency manual device. [redacted]

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for [redacted] (See Attachment 2 sketch of the hangar doors.)

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3. Between September 1953 and January 1954, [redacted]

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Bulgarian Air Force personnel [redacted] continued northward

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beyond Iliyantsi. [] they went to an air base other than 25X1
that under construction near Kumaritsa (see Attachment 1 for approximate
site of this new air base); [] 25X1

[] the Kumaritsa airfield was not yet in operation, there was 25X1
little need for so many air force personnel to go there. Officers
seen on the bus returned to Sofia at night.

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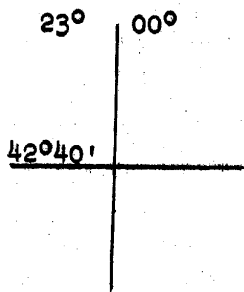
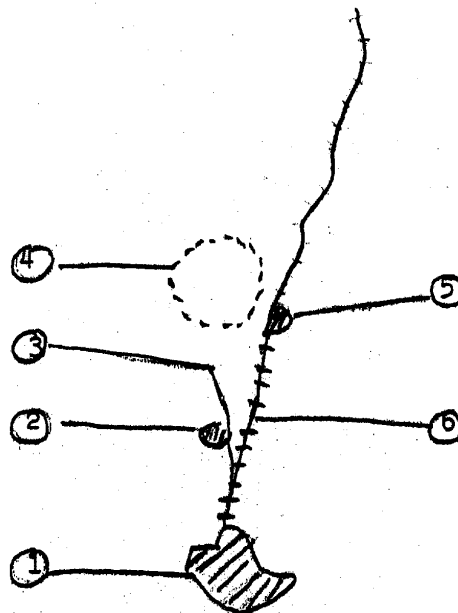
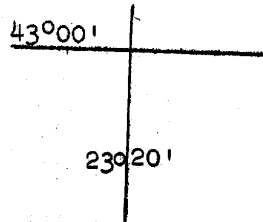
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Attachment 1

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Legend to Attachment 1

1. Sofia
2. Iliyantsi
3. Road on which [] Bulgarian Air Force personnel traveling by trolley-bus beyond Iliyantsi. 25X1
4. Estimated site of new airfield.
5. Kumaritsa Airfield was 2-3 kilometers from this town.
6. Single-track railroad.

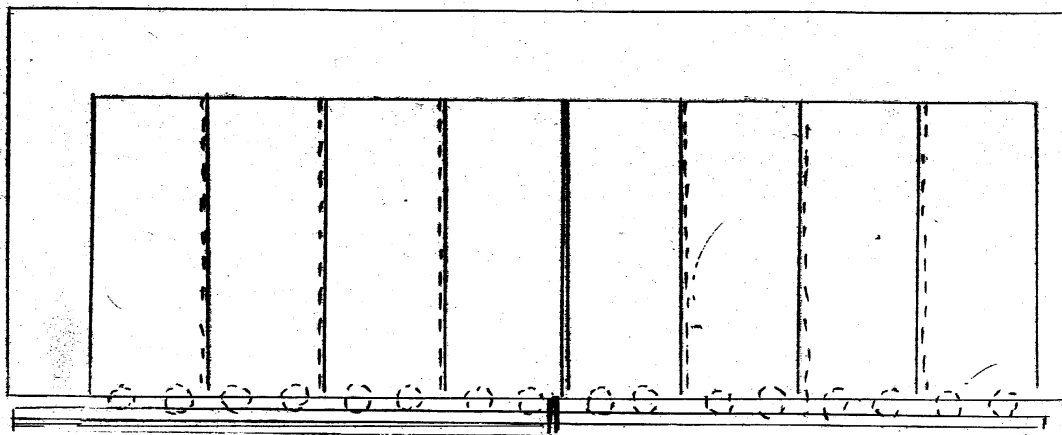
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Attachment 2

Sketch of doors
for hangars at Kumaritssa
Airfield

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